



## Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest – It's Barbeque, Bands & Brew Memorial Day Weekend – Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

It is almost time for Summer, and that means it's time for Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest. Begun back in 1999, Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest is Northeast Ohio's Premier Kick-Off-To-Summer Event.

The festival is produced by the Berea City Club—a group of local business owners who promote positive civic initiatives for the betterment of the City of Berea. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization originally established back in 1998. Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest quickly became the organization's signature event. Berea City Club has raised over a Million Dollars for various clubs, organizations, and projects in the City of Berea over the past 26+ years!

Popular for its Family Picnic-Style Atmosphere, the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds begins on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon and extends throughout the Memorial Day Weekend, wrapping up Monday evening, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Admission is FREE from noon till 5PM on Friday and then just \$10 all weekend long (Friday after 5PM, Saturday, Sunday and Monday) and kids under 12 are admitted for free! On Monday (Memorial Day) all retired and active military personnel showing military ID will be admitted for FREE to the event. Berea's National Rib Cook-Off & Beer Fest is a Rain or Shine Event. As always, FREE PARKING ALL WEEKEND LONG.

Eleven (11) Rib Teams will compete from all over the United States in hopes of garnering one of the three (3) major awards: Best Ribs, Best Sauce and People's Choice. Your vote counts and winners will be announced on Memorial Day afternoon at the Main Stage.

In addition to Yuengling and other craft beer selections, we'll also be featuring Carbliss, a spirit-based premium craft cocktail. Carbliss has no carbs, zero sugar, 100 calories, is gluten free and will be available in a variety of flavors, including Black Raspberry, Cranberry, Pineapple and Peach.

The Family Fun includes a Kids Activity Area with a Rock-Climbing Wall and more. **New this year** is a Ferris Wheel offering a \$5 Buy One Ride/Get One Ride FREE. PLUS, OhioBullRentals.com dares you ride on the mechanical bull? Available for all ages (including slo-mo for the kids) - \$8 gets you 2 chances to hold-on for the mechanical bull ride of your life.

Enjoy a showcase of a wide variety of musical entertainment spanning generations and genres that will take the Southwest General Health Center Stage throughout the weekend. Musical Entertainment is FREE with your paid cook-off gate admission.

**For open times of the festival, musical performance times and festival admission information, visit [BereaRib.com](http://BereaRib.com). While we make every effort to provide accurate information, scheduled attractions/performance times are tentative & subject to change without notice.**



Friday's musical entertainment features **Follow The Sun** at 4PM and **Revolution Pie** at 7:30PM.

Saturday Afternoon is highlighted by the Corvette Cleveland Car Show ([www.clevelandcorvetteclub.org](http://www.clevelandcorvetteclub.org)). Back By Popular Demand, the show will run from 2-8PM. With over 40+ Cars on Display, each family member can pick their favorite to take home the trophy with awards presentation at 7:30PM.

Saturday Morning at 11AM is the Miss Bera Pageant. Saturday Afternoon brings to the musical stage the great sounds of the **Pat Shepard** at 1:00PM, **Cruisin'** at 4:00PM and **Bronx Country** at 7:30PM.

Then keeping the music kicked into high-gear on Sunday Afternoon, will feature **Yosemite Slim** at 12:00PM, **Jam Machine** at 4:00PM, followed by **BoaterHead** at 7:30PM.

Memorial Day brings to the stage **Back 2 The Future** at 12:00PM and **Old Skool** at 3PM. to close out the event.

## **Rib Teams Competing in 2025 for Best Ribs! Best Sauce! People's Choice! Pick-Of-The-Pig!**

After Hours BBQ  
BG's Old Town BBQ  
Johnson's BBQ  
Malloy's BBQ  
Mojo's  
Pigfoot  
Porky Chicks  
Smokin' T's  
Swine BBQ  
Texas Outlaw BBQ  
Wright's Catering

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